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### Building familiarisation

Use a hook to stimulate interest and prepare the students for part of the story.

Discuss when it is safe to climb a tree (e.g. not at school; with parent's permission; when a trusted adult is watching and guiding)

Introduce the story of Zacchaeus as being about a short man who wanted to see Jesus.



"Zacchaeus Sycamore Tree in Jericho\_1517" flickr photo by hoyasmeg  
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This is a present-day photo of a sycamore tree in the city of Jericho, Palestine. It is a very old sycamore tree and is reputed to be the tree that Zacchaeus climbed. There is no way of knowing if that is true!